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RIICHI
A DEALER RIICHI!?
BUT WE'RE STILL IN THE 6TH TURN!!
カシ!!
WELL,
I, TOO, DECLARE RIICHI WHEN I THINK I'M GOING TO WIN
AND BECAUSE I'M THE DEALER
SO IT'S REALLY 'CAUSE YOU'RE DEALER THEN, ISN'T IT!?
My hand isn't coming together ...
I'll have to fold.
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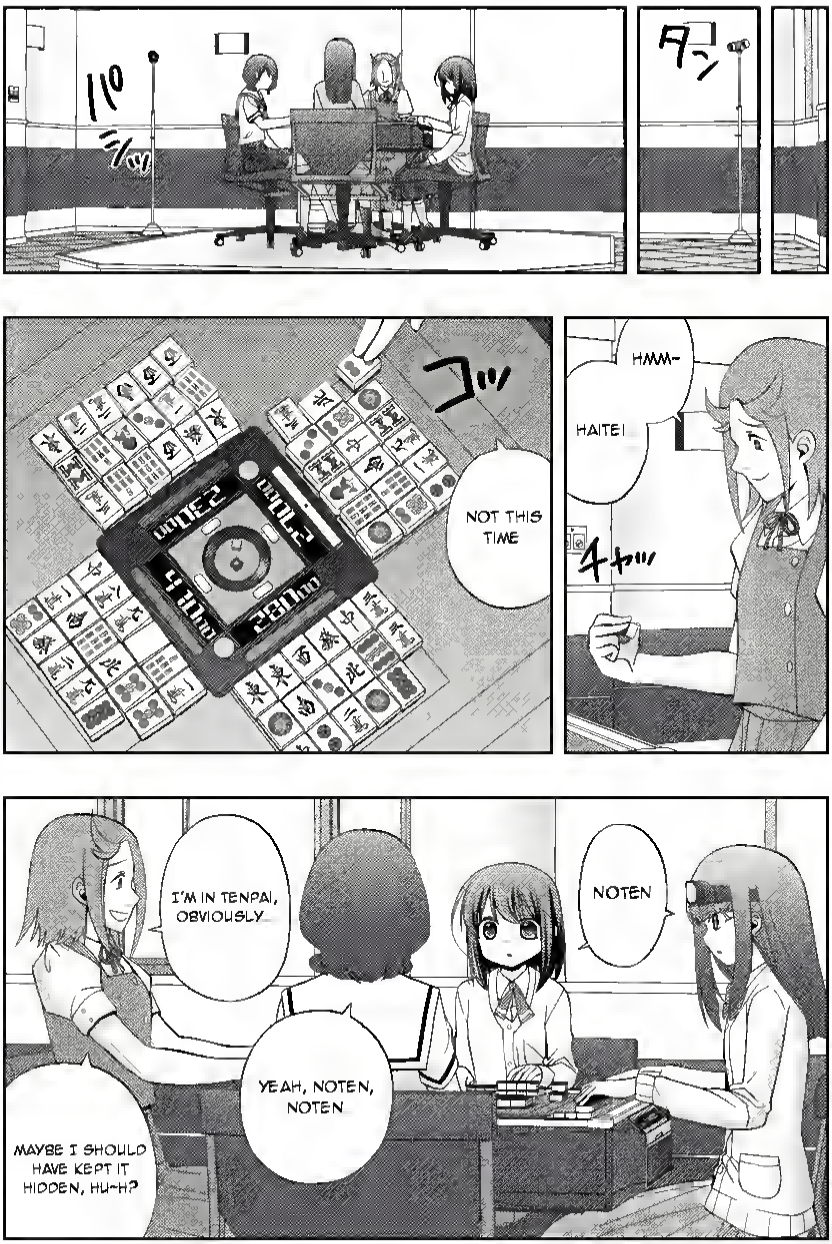
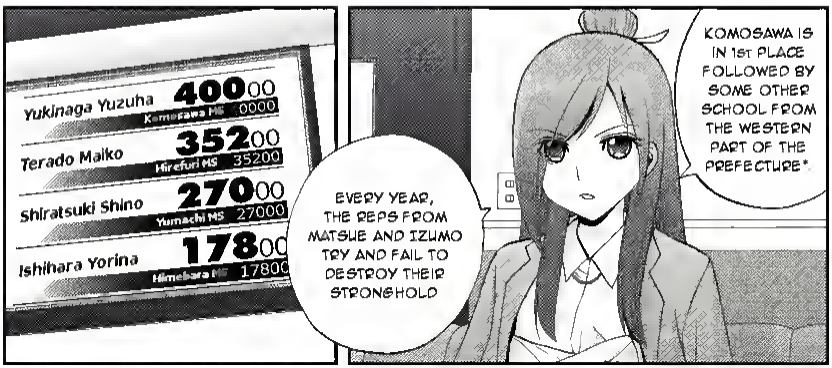
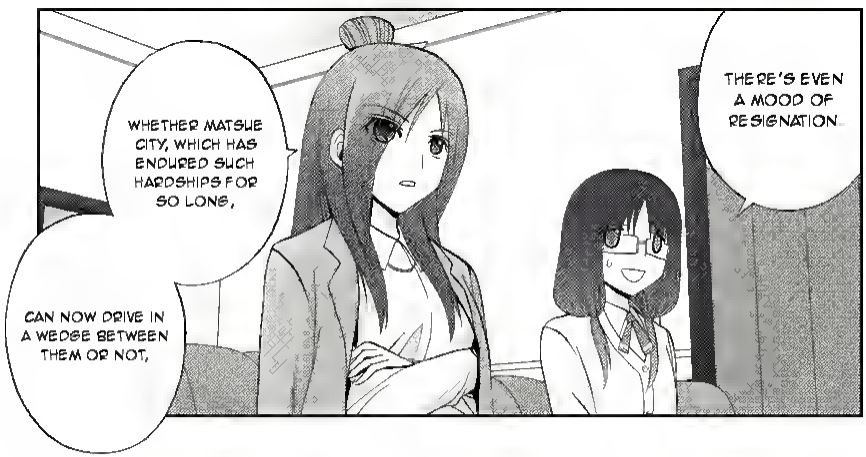

HMM-
HAITEI
NOT THIS TIME
NOTEN
I'M IN TENPAI, OBVIOUSLY
YEAH, NOTEN, NOTEN
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE KEPT IT HIDDEN, HU~H?

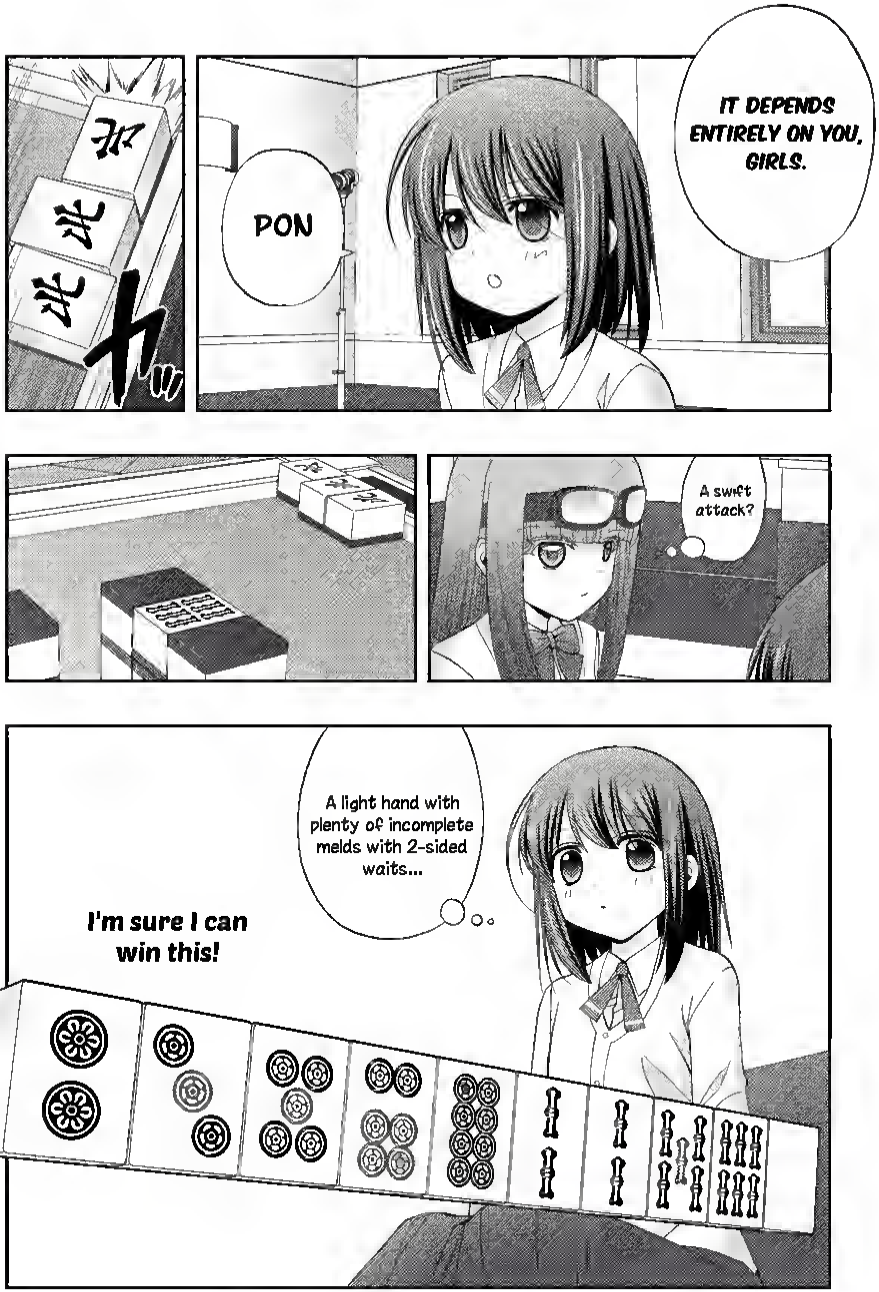
East 4
Bonus 1
AH! I'LL RON THAT.
2900 POINTS WITH ONE BONUS
HUH!?
WHICH MAKES 3200 POINTS, PLUS YOUR RIICHI STICK
GOSH, YOU'RE SO ANNOYING.
AND NOW I RETRIEVE THE RIICHI STICK THAT I USED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND
AND I ADD A 2ND BONUS COUNTER
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANNOUNCE EVERY LITTLE THING YOU DO, YOU KNOW.
SO FAR IT'S THE SAME AS EVERY YEAR
YES
EVERY YEAR?
The dealer's winning streak...


Yukinaga Yuzuha 400 00
Komosawa HS 0000
Terado Maiko 352 00
Hirefuri HS 35200
Shiratsuki Shino 270 00
Yumachi HS 27000
Ishihara Yorina 178 00
Himebara HS 17800
EVERY YEAR, THE REPS FROM MATSUE AND IZUMO TRY AND FAIL TO DESTROY THEIR STRONGHOLD
KOMOSAWA IS IN 1ST PLACE FOLLOWED BY SOME OTHER SCHOOL FROM THE WESTERN PART OF THE PREFECTURE*

*TL note: Yumachi (Matsue) and Himebara (Izumo) are in the eastern part of Shimane while Komosawa (Gotsu) and Hirefuri (Masuda) are to the west

WE IN THE EASTERN REGION HAVEN'T GOT PAST THE FINAL ROUND FOR MANY YEARS
SHOULD HAVE, YES
BUT MATSUE AND IZUMO HAVE A LARGER POPULATION, SO WE SHOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE...

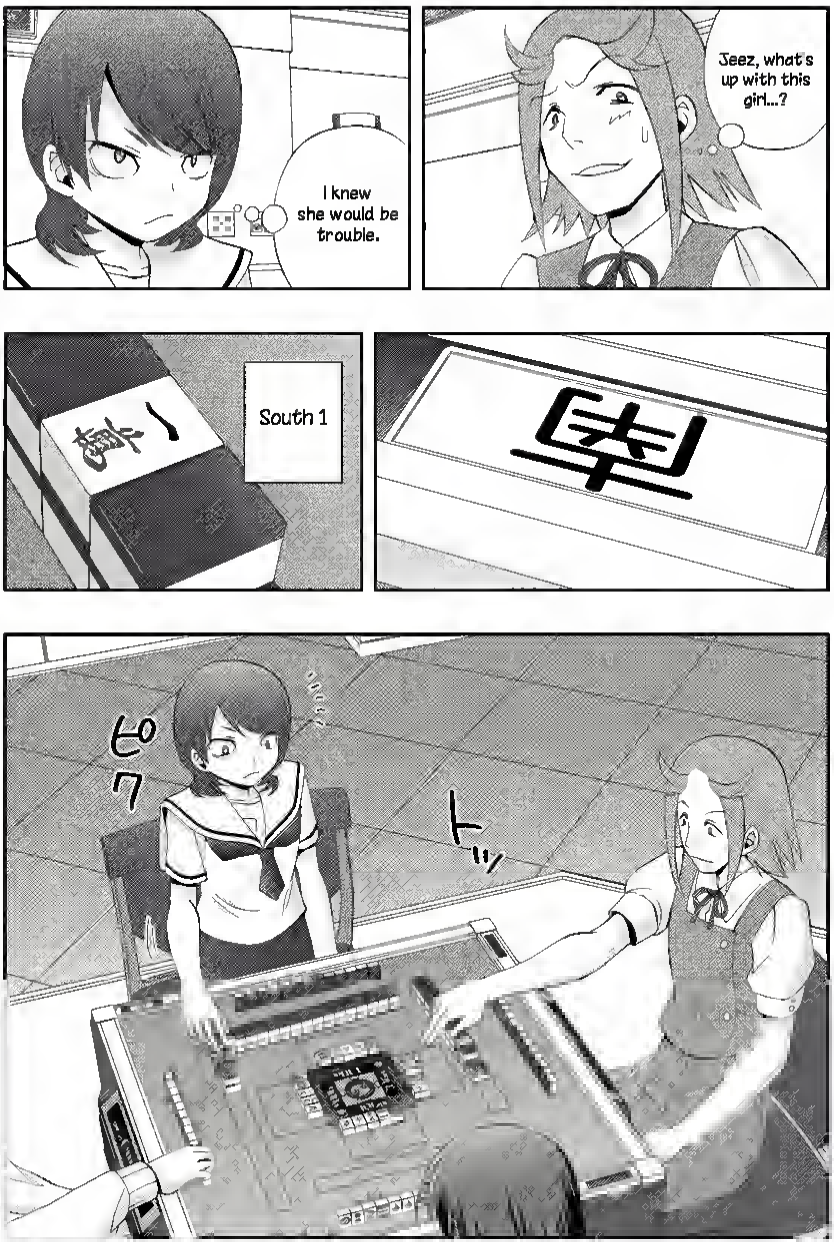

CAN NOW DRIVE IN A WEDGE BETWEEN THEM OR NOT,
WHETHER MATSUE CITY, WHICH HAS ENDURED SUCH HARDSHIPS FOR SO LONG,
THERE'S EVEN A MOOD OF RESIGNATION...


PON
IT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU, GIRLS.
A swift attack?
A light hand with plenty of incomplete melds with 2-sided waits...
I'm sure I can win this!

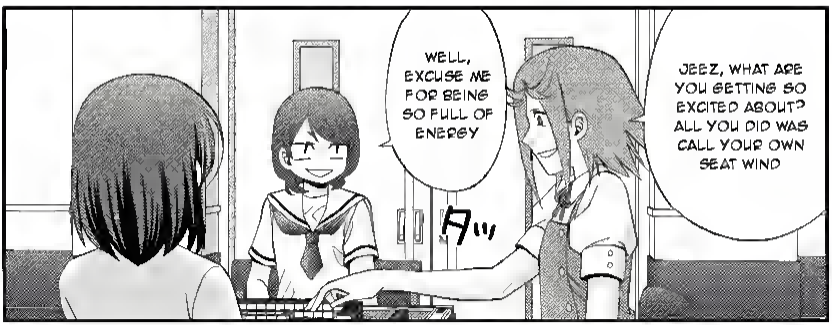
RIICHI
Another fast dealer riichi...!!
Maybe I won't be able to win this hand after all.
She got ahead of me while I couldn't call any more tiles...

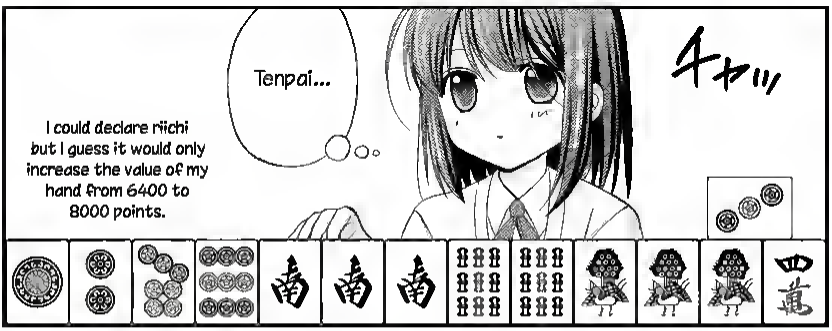
YOU STILL ATTACKING?
OOH, SCARY
CHI
RON
WHA-!?

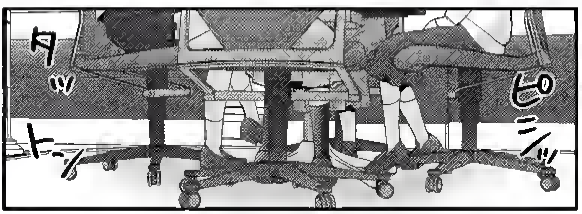
PEI, DORA 1
2000 WITH ONE BONUS 2600.
WHAT...?
SINCE YOU KEPT ATTACKING IN SPITE OF MY DEALER RIICHI, I THOUGHT YOUR HAND WOULD BE EXPENSIVE
I'M SORRY
DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR THAT~


I knew she would be trouble.
Jeez, what's up with this girl...?
South 1
ピク
トン

I'm the dealer so normally I'd like to call but I must think of the point gap.
一萬
三萬
東
……
I'll wait until a Ton tile 東 comes out.
FINALLY!
PON!!
Here goes a live tile.
東

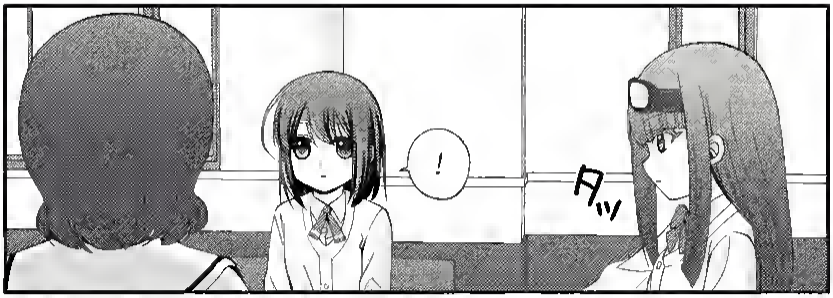

WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING SO FULL OF ENERGY
JEEZ, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO EXCITED ABOUT? ALL YOU DID WAS CALL YOUR OWN SEAT WIND


Tenpai...
I could declare riichi but I guess it would only increase the value of my hand from 6400 to 8000 points.



RIICHI
PERFECT!

Actually ...
RIICHI!?
I'm in tenpai too.
I don't have a big hand or anything but...
Yes, I'll give it a go!!
And this is my last dealership.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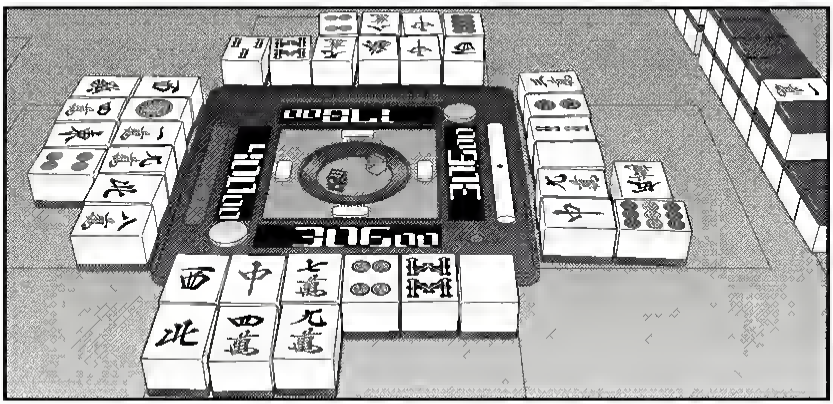
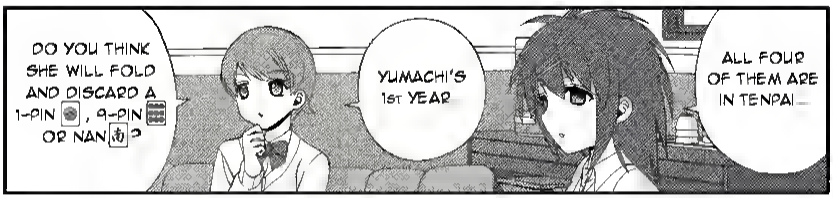
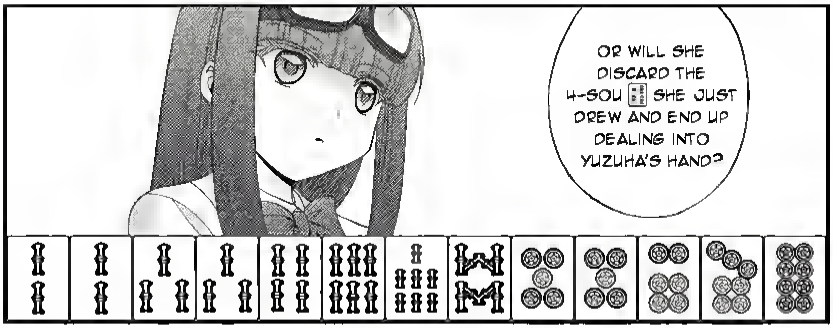
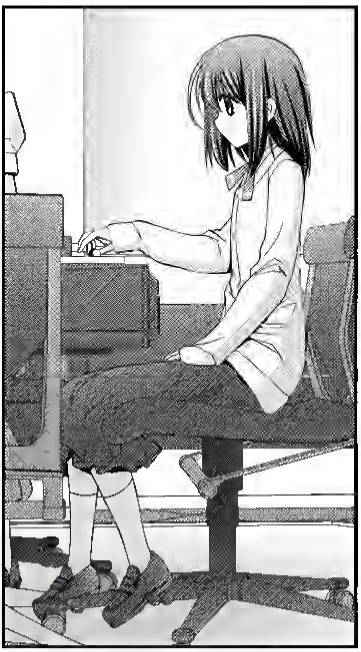
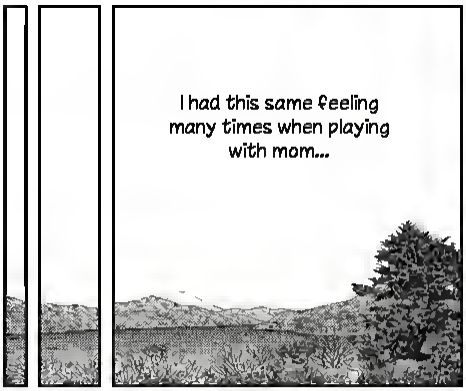



DO YOU THINK SHE WILL FOLD AND DISCARD A 1-PIN , 9-PIN OR NAN?
YUMACHI'S 1ST YEAR
ALL FOUR OF THEM ARE IN TENPAI—


OR WILL SHE DISCARD THE 4-SOU SHE JUST DREW AND END UP DEALING INTO YUZUHA'S HAND?

It's as if the wind had stopped...




I had this same feeling many times when playing with mom...

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN THAT HAPPENS?
YOU COULD APPLY THIS TO EVERYTHING, NOT JUST TO MAHJONG, BUT...
RIGHT
BUT WHEN PLAYING MAHJONG, EVEN IF I TAKE ONE STEP BACK, I WON'T SEE ANYTHING DIFFERENT, RIGHT?
WELL YES, THAT'S TRUE BUT...
IF YOU'RE LOST AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AROUND YOU.

OBSERVE THE MOOD OF THE OTHER PLAYERS
LOOK BEYOND THE TABLE
HOW TO EXPLAIN IT...
OBSERVE THE ENTIRE WORLD
YOUR OWN RESOLVE
EVERYONE'S RESOLVE
AND ONE WAS A RICH WOMAN FROM SCANDINAVIA,
ONE OF GRANDPA'S FOREIGN FRIENDS WAS A BIORESEARCHER,
FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU WERE IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE,

AND THERE WAS ICECREAM CAKE IN THE FREEZER
THERE IS!?
AHH
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT
YAY!
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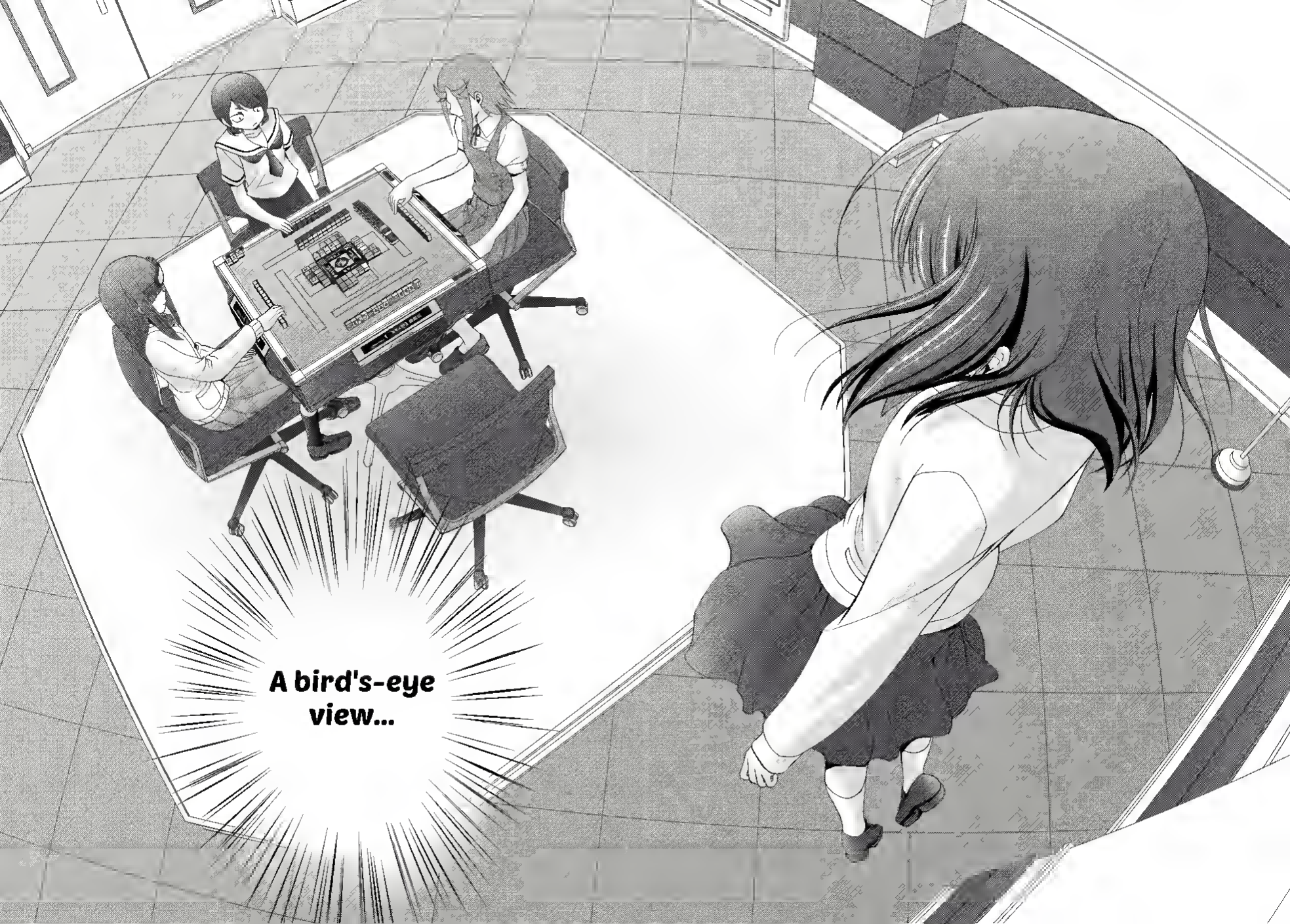
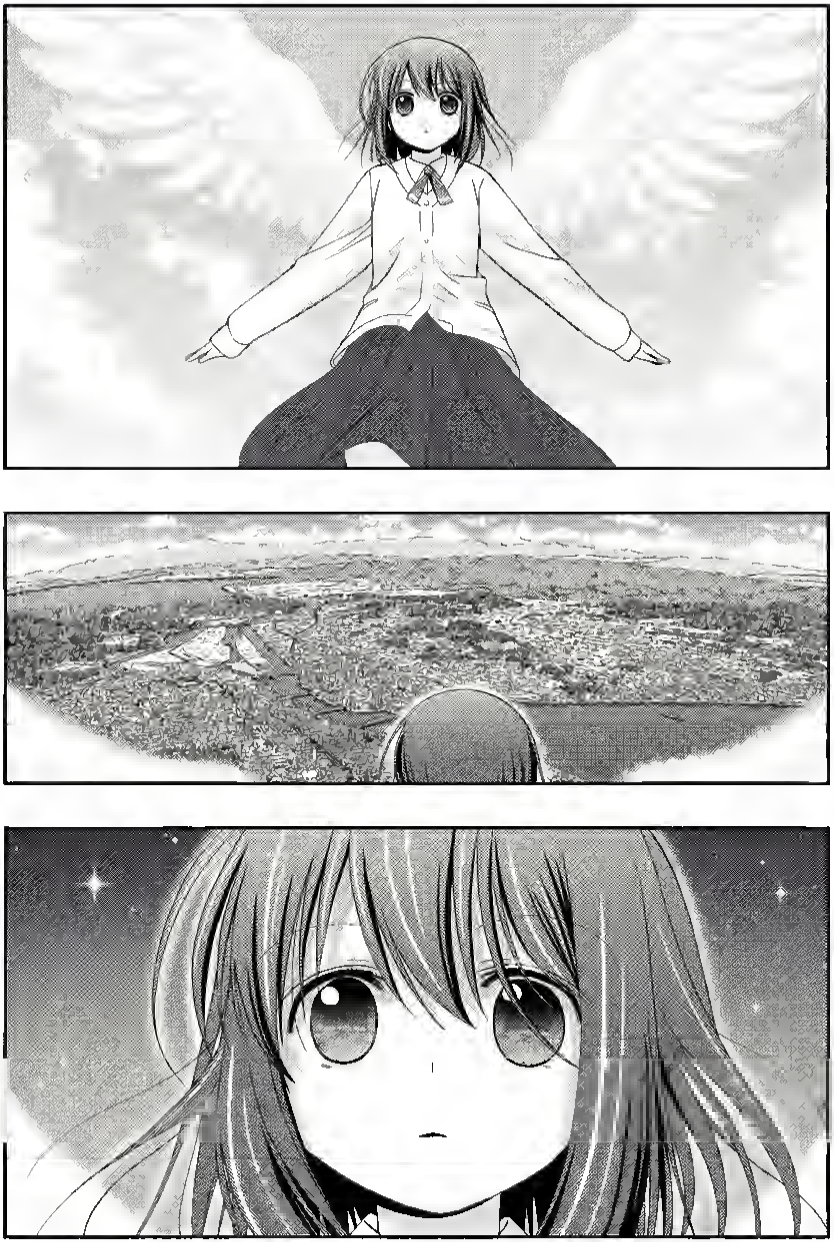
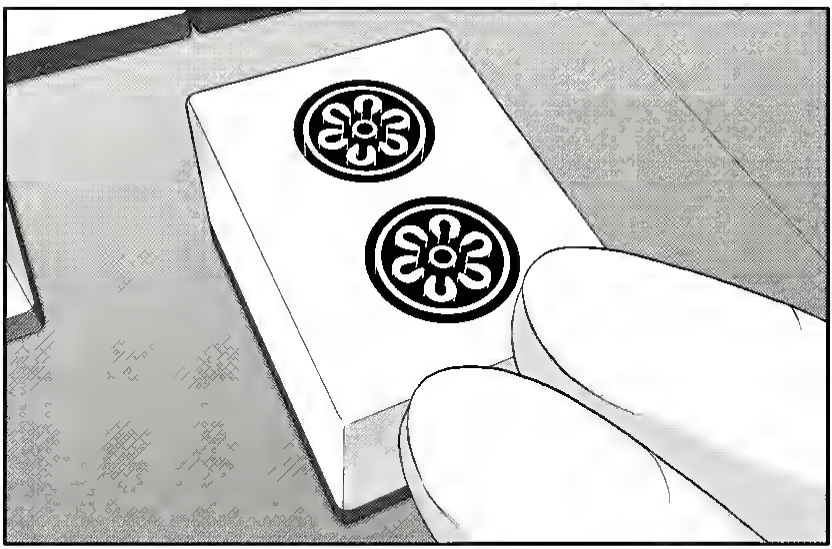
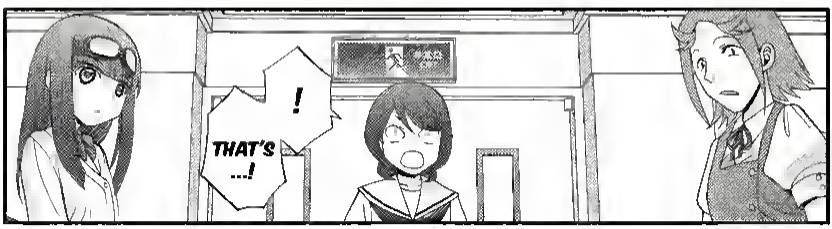
I think I get it now...


A bird's-eye view...

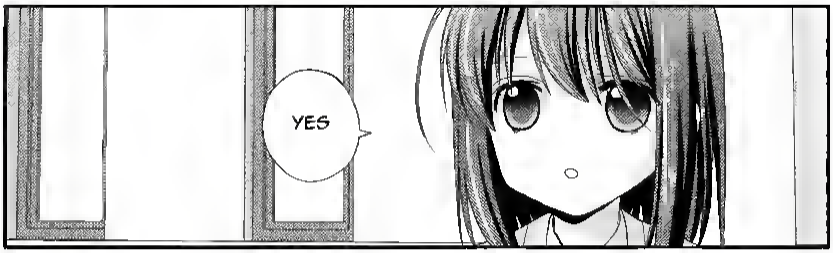


I've seen it...





RON...!!
2900!!


YES

AWESOME! I GET A DEALER'S REPEAT!!
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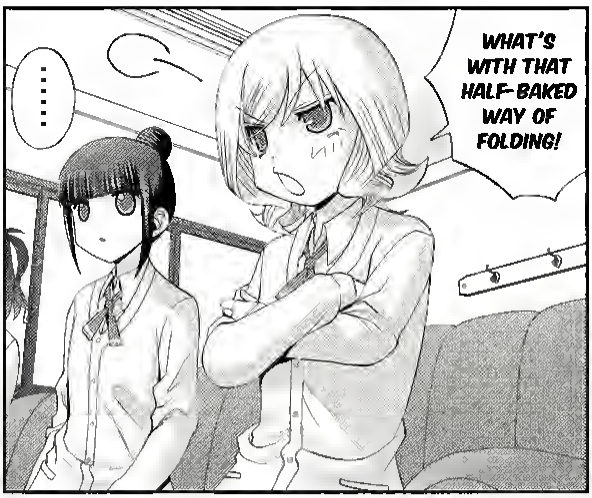
WHAT'S WITH THAT HALF-BAKED WAY OF FOLDING!
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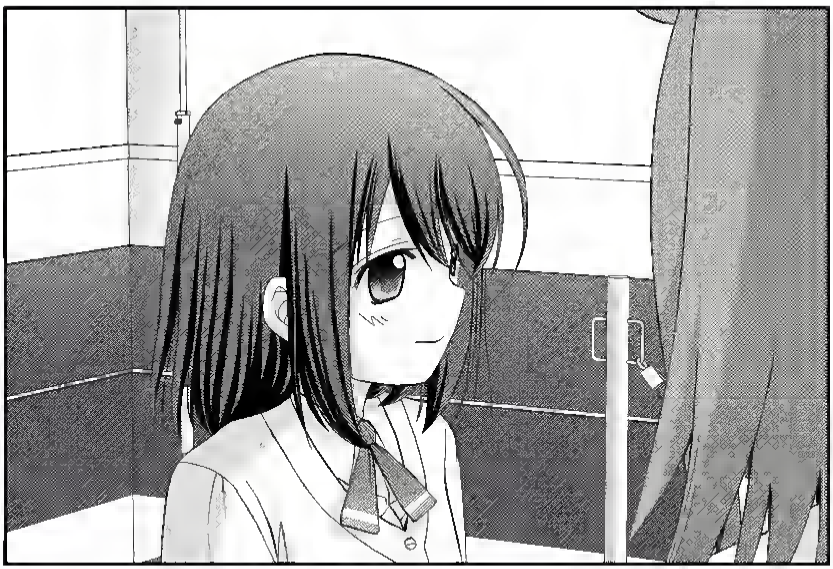
七萬
ポロ
二萬
三萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬
My expensive hand! I couldn't tsumo it!!?
Could it be that she...?



INSPIRED BY A STRONG PLAYER, SHE DEVELOPS EVEN FURTHER

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